

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Reporting Office BOSTON	Office of Origin BOSTON	Date AUG 31 1960	Investigative Period 6/6-8/11/60
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED THOMAS RIHA, aka Thomas Andrew Charles Riha - SOVIET INTELLIGENCE SERVICES - RECRUITMENT OF STUDENTS		Report made by DANIEL J. GRIFFIN	Typed By: bab
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The title of this case is being marked changed to set forth the subject's true name before it was legally changed at the time of his naturalization to THOMAS RIHA.

REFERENCE: WFO letter to Bureau dated April 5, 1960; Bulet to Boston dated May 25, 1960; Bulet to WFO dated May 12, 1960, all captioned "Soviet Intelligence Services - Recruitment of Students, IS - R"; Boston letter to Bureau dated June 30, 1960, entitled "THOMAS RIHA, IS - R."

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ADMINISTRATIVE

RIHA advised that he received a very short briefing by the CIA in Vienna, Austria, before going to Russia and he has never been contacted subsequently by CIA.

The Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibilities in the field of internal security and espionage was explained to RIHA and he stated he would cooperate in every possible way.

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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AGENCY *IA/CIA/RA (Security)*
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 DATE FORW. *2-11-63*
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

DATE: April 16, 1969

FROM : S. J. Papich

SUBJECT: THOMAS RIHA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A. 109

[Mrs. Jane Roman, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), furnished the following to the Liaison Agent on April 15, 1969:]

The subject has not left the United States. The story or rumor indicating that he may have gone to Czechoslovakia is without foundation. Riha has been having difficulties from his wife, and he recently "ran away from her."

[CIA] has also received information indicating that the university newspaper at the University of Colorado will be printing an article concerning the subject and will refer to him as an undercover agent of [CIA]. Mrs. Roman stated that subject very definitely is not being utilized by CIA in any capacity.

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ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the Research-Satellite Section.

- 1 - A. W. Gray (Vizas)
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - S. J. Papich

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SAC, Denver

1 - Mr. G. W. Abernathy

4-18-69

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Director, FBI (105-78256)-8

THOMAS RILA
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ReBulet 4-16-69.

On 4-15-69 [CIA] advised through liaison that the subject had not left the United States. According to [CIA], subject has been having difficulties with his wife and he recently "ran away from her." The story or rumor indicating the subject may have gone to Czechoslovakia is without foundation.

[CIA] has also received information indicating that the University newspaper at the University of Colorado will be printing an article concerning this subject and will refer to him as an undercover agent of CIA. CIA has advised that the subject is not being utilized by CIA in any capacity. JFR/YS

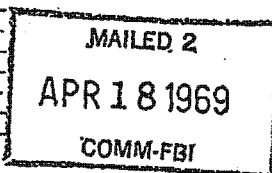
Any pertinent information received concerning this matter should be forwarded to the Bureau by LHM and no investigation need be conducted by your office.

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NOTE:

Subject is a professor at the University of Colorado. The Department received a letter dated 4-7-69 which stated the subject disappeared mysteriously three weeks ago. The writer of the letter was concerned that subject might be involuntarily leaving the United States for Czechoslovakia. The above is being furnished Denver for its information.

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1 - Mr. J. W. Redfield

SAC, Chicago (105-8544)

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Director, FBI (105-78256) — //

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Enclosed for Chicago are Bulets, dated 4/16/69 with its enclosure and 4/18/69, which are self-explanatory.

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It would appear the information obtained by SOURCE is the same rumor which was circulating in the Czech community during April, 1969.

Unless additional pertinent information is developed, no investigation need be conducted by your offices. If additional pertinent information is received concerning this matter, it should be furnished to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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1 - Denver

JWR:lmj (5) This document is prepared in response to your request and is not for dissemination outside your Committee. Its use is limited to official proceedings by your Committee and the content may not be disclosed to unauthorized personnel without the express approval of the FBI.

NOTE:

Subject, a professor at the University of Colorado, was reported to have disappeared mysteriously back in April, 1969. Profiles disclosed that at one time subject was of some interest to CIA. On 4/15/69, CIA advised through liaison that subject had not left the U. S. According to CIA, subject had been having difficulty with his wife and he "ran away from her." CIA advised the story or rumor indicating subject may have gone to Czechoslovakia was without foundation. It appears SOURCE has obtained information concerning this earlier rumor. In view of this, Chicago being furnished pertinent information developed in April, 1969, and unless additional pertinent information is developed indicating otherwise, Chicago and Denver being instructed to conduct no further investigations.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *W.C.S.*

FROM : A. W. Gray

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

DATE: January 13, 1970

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Gray
- 1 - Mr. Redfield

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SUBJECT: THOMAS RIHA
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(SINO-SATELLITE)

Recommend attached letter be sent Attorney General (AG) regarding letter 1/8/69 to him from Congressman Donald G. Brotzman, Republican, Colorado, referred to us concerning disappearance of subject. Also recommend representative of Mr. Bishop's office personally apprise Congressman of facts. Brotzman, formerly United States Attorney Denver, 1959-1962; relations cordial.

Congressman requested information from AG by 1/14/70 concerning subject's disappearance from Boulder, Colorado, 3/69. He noted Riha may have disappeared because of "domestic complications." He stated he asked Bureau for report as to what had been done to locate subject. He wrote that Bureau advised, aside from preliminary inquiries, no investigation conducted. On 12/31/69 Mr. Bishop did advise Congressman's office FBI had conducted no investigation of disappearance, since no indications of violation of federal law in our jurisdiction. Congressman stated during course of similar inquiries, CIA advised it had no jurisdiction but understood FBI had looked into matter and might well know whereabouts of subject and circumstances involved. We did inquire of CIA through Liaison on 4/15/69 to determine if they had any interest in subject. They did not.

Subject, born 4/17/29, Prague, Czechoslovakia, entered United States 1947; naturalized US citizen 12/52; served US Army 1953-1955; attended Moscow University 6/58-9/59; prior to disappearance was professor of Russian history, University of Colorado, Boulder. We have no information concerning Riha's whereabouts and have conducted no investigation to locate. CIA advised Liaison 1/13/70 Congressman was told CIA was not investigating subject and not using him in any capacity. CIA suggested he might check with local police and FBI, but did not tell him FBI was investigating.

In 12/69 Denver received letter from subject's mother requesting information concerning son's disappearance. Denver Office replied this was matter not within jurisdiction of Bureau, however, offered if she so desired to place his name on Bureau's missing persons list. SAC, Denver, advised reply received from mother 1/13/70 declining to have subject's name placed on list.

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ENCLOSURE *1-14-70*
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1 - Mr. A. W. Gray
1 - Mr. J. W. Redfield

SAC, Denver (105-4151)

1/19/70

Director, FBI (105-78256)

THOMAS RIVA
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Congressman Donald G. Ertzman, Colorado, addressed a letter dated 1/8/70 to the Attorney General (AG) requesting information from him concerning the disappearance of subject. Enclosed is one copy each of the Congressman's letter and Bureau letter to the AG dated 1/14/70 for your information.

Also enclosed for your information is one copy each of CIA memoranda dated 4/21/69 and 6/2/69; Bulets to WFO 5/13/60 and to Boston 5/25/60, Boston letter to the Director dated 6/30/60; Boston report dated 8/31/60, all pertaining to subject. The above are being furnished for the completion of your file.

On 1/12/70 CIA advised through liaison that the subject is not of operational interest to that Agency. With regard to the subject's disappearance, CIA advised it did receive a report which could be characterized as a rumor, that the subject was experiencing marital difficulties and had left his wife. The Agency does not have any information concerning subject's present whereabouts.

In subsequent communications concerning this matter you should delete the character of IS - CZ and use the character of this letter.

Unless additional pertinent information is developed, no investigation need be conducted by your office. If additional pertinent information is received concerning this matter it should promptly be furnished to the Bureau by LHM.

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Subject, a professor at the University of Colorado, disappeared in March, 1969, it first being reported to us in April, 1969. Bufiles disclosed that at one time subject

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Letter to SAC, Denver
RE: - THOMAS RIHA
105-78256

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was of some interest to CIA. On 4/15/69, CIA advised through liaison that subject had not left the U.S. and had been having difficulty with his wife and "ran away from her." CIA advised the story or rumor indicating subject may have gone to CZ was without foundation. In 12/69 Denver received a letter from subject's mother requesting information concerning subject's disappearance. Denver replied this was a matter not within the jurisdiction of the Bureau; however, offered if she so desired to place his name on the Bureau's missing persons list. Subject's mother replied to our Denver Office on 1/13/70 declining to have subject's name placed on the list. On 12/23/69 "The Denver Post," a daily newspaper in Denver, Colorado, published a lengthy article concerning the disappearance of subject. By letter dated 1/8/70 Congressman Brotzman, R-Colorado, also requested information concerning subject's disappearance from the AG. We have conducted no investigation of subject's disappearance since there are no indications of a violation of Federal law in our jurisdiction.

Mr. Stephen Fischer-Galati

NOTE CONTINUED:

Fischer-Galati previously wrote to the Vice President concerning the disappearance of Riha, which letter was referred to the Bureau for reply. He was informed the FBI had conducted no investigation concerning the disappearance of Riha; had no information regarding his whereabouts and there was no indication of a violation of Federal law within the FBI's jurisdiction.

Fischer-Galati is a professor of history, Colorado University. Salutation of Dr. taken from established reference book. According to Bufiles, Fischer-Galati was deferred in World War II for psychoneurosis, anxiety type. He reportedly advised State Department in 1950 he was a close friend of the Director's, an untrue statement. He has been in periodic routine contact in the past with the Romanian Embassy and contacts not of known security significance. He was born in Romania.

[Redacted]

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He communicated with Justice Department 4/7/69 concerning Riha's disappearance. Justice acknowledged his letter. He has been mentioned in several press items in the Riha case as an acquaintance and University associate.

ENCLOSURE

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1 - G.W. Abernathy

SAC, Denver

4/16/69

Director, FBI (105-78256)

THOMAS RIHA
IS - CZ

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated 4/7/69 addressed to Mr. Nathan B. Levin, Chief, Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, and written over the signature of Stephen Fischer-Galati on the stationery of the University of Colorado. Also enclosed is a copy of the report of SA Daniel J. Griffin dated 8/31/68 at Boston concerning subject.

Nathan B. Levin, now deceased, according to Bufiles interviewed Fischer-Galati in 1956 in connection with a matter in which Fischer-Galati was to testify. The enclosures are furnished for your assistance in the event any information is brought to your attention concerning the matter in the enclosed letter. Fischer-Galati should not be interviewed without prior Bureau authority; however, in the event he contacts your office, any information offered should be accepted and furnished to the Bureau.

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The enclosed letter was furnished by Mr. James L. Eldon, Jr. of the Department. Bufiles disclose that at one time subject was of some interest to CIA. A copy of the enclosed letter was furnished to CIA on 4/10/69. Subject is a U.S. citizen who has spent time in the past in Czechoslovakia and in Russia. There is no information in the enclosed letter which would indicate that the Bureau should make any inquiries concerning subject. Bufiles contain no information which would indicate that subject could be involuntarily leaving the U.S. as indicated in the enclosed letter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-78256)

DATE: 1/15/70

FROM : SAC, DENVER (105-4151)(C)

SUBJECT: THOMAS RIHA, aka.
IS - CZ

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Re Denver letter to the Bureau, dated 12/29/69.

Enclosed herewith is a letter of acknowledgement to subject's mother, Dr. RUTH ANN COOK, to acknowledge her letter of 1/11/70.

Also enclosed are 5 copies of an LHM, which sets out Mrs. COOK's letter to the Denver Office of the FBI and in which she mentions her son's work with CIA.

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 6)(RM)
- 2 - Denver (1 - 105-4151)
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cc of New LHM to State, CIB, DIB (by Liaison)

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DATE FORW 1-28-70
HOW FORW 0-141, 0-142, 5-137, 0-6
BY *[Handwritten signature]*

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(2cc's of new LHM)

Copy to DENVER
by routing slip for
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date 1-28-70

by *[Handwritten signature]* Remarks: Enclosed are 2 copies of LHM prepared at the Bureau in captioned matter.

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TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM : W. O. Cregar

SUBJECT: THOMAS RIHA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CZECH

DATE: 2/26/74

1 - Mr. Nicholas
1 - Mr. Cregar

On 2/20/74 [redacted] telephonically furnished the following information.

[redacted] has a source [redacted] WHO Recently advised his [redacted] contact that he had learned from a SUB-SOURCE who in turn learned from a friend, not identified to SOURCE that the friend had seen subject in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, in late 1973.

According to [redacted] the SOURCE had no additional information regarding this matter and had failed to obtain the identity of the friend of his SUB-SOURCE.

Inasmuch as we do not have a current investigative interest in Riha, no further action is warranted in this case.

ACTION:

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FROM : W. O. Cregar

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INTERNAL SECURITY - CZECH

DATE: 2/26/74

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Inasmuch as we do not have a current investigative interest in Riha, no further action is warranted in this case.

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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *JTB*

DATE: April 16, 1969

FROM : S. J. Papich *SJP*

SUBJECT: THOMAS RIHA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CZECHOSLOVAKIA

SEC (D) (B)

A. V. C. Y.

Mrs. Jane Roman, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), furnished the following to the Liaison Agent on April 15, 1969:

The subject has not left the United States. The story or rumor indicating that he may have gone to Czechoslovakia is without foundation. Riha has been having difficulties from his wife, and he recently "ran away from her."

JFK (M) (B)
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ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the Research-Satellite Section.

- 1 - A. W. Gray (Vizas)
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - S. J. Papich

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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. *[Handwritten initials]*

DATE: 1/13/70

FROM : S. J. Papich *[Handwritten initials]*

SUBJECT: THOMAS RIHA
INTERNAL SECURITY - CZECHOSLOVAKIA

JFK/DBL A/R

Mrs. Jane Roman, CIA, advised the Liaison Agent on 1/12/70 that the subject is not of operational interest to that Agency.

JFK (DBL)

[With regard to the subject's alleged disappearance, CIA did receive a report which could be characterized as a rumor, that the subject was experiencing marital difficulties and had left his wife. The Agency does not have any information concerning subject's present whereabouts.]

ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the Sino-Satellite Section.

- 1 - Mr. Gray (Mr. Redfield)
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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1/12/70 Mrs. Jane Roman, CIA, advised the Liaison Agent on *[Handwritten: (DCA)]* that the subject is not of operational interest to that Agency.

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With regard to the subject's alleged disappearance, CIA did receive a report, which could be characterized as a rumor, that the subject was experiencing marital difficulties and had left his wife. The Agency does not have any information concerning subject's present whereabouts.

ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the Sino-Satellite Section.

- 1 - Mr. Gray (Mr. Redfield)
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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Dr. Stephen Fischer-Galati

While I am certain the Vice President would like to be of more assistance to you in this matter and appreciates your concern for your colleague, in the absence of information indicating Federal interest or a violation of Federal statutes, this matter appears to be one solely within the investigative province of authorities in your area.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Note:

Above letter written pursuant to referral from the Office of the Vice President. Xerox copy of the original referral and its enclosures being returned with the copy of the letter to the Vice President.

Riha, Czechoslovak-born, naturalized, former professor of Russian history at Colorado University, departed from Denver area March, 1969, without notifying friends, associates, or his estranged wife. His disappearance has been glamorized in recent months by energetic Denver reporter and spiced up with references to a mysterious paramour under whose influence Riha had fallen.

Fischer-Galati, according to Bufiles, was deferred in World War II for psychoneurosis, anxiety type. He reportedly advised State Department in 1950 he was a close friend of the Director's, an untrue statement. He has been in periodic routine contact in the past with the Romanian Embassy and contacts not of known security significance. He was born in Romania.

[redacted] He communicated with Justice Department 4/7/69 concerning Riha's disappearance. Justice acknowledged his letter. Fischer-Galati has been mentioned in several press items in the Riha case as an acquaintance and University associate. He is a professor of history, Colorado University. Salutation of Dr. taken from established reference book.

Copy of letter being sent to The Vice President's Office by Liaison.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

- January 14, 1970
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
 - 1 - Mr. Sullivan
 - 1 - Liaison
 - 1 - Mr. Gray
 - 1 - Mr. Redfield

The Attorney General
 Director, FBI

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THOMAS RIHA
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to letter dated January 8, 1970, addressed to you from Congressman Donald G. Brotzman, Colorado, a copy of which is attached with its enclosure. The Congressman had asked for a reply by January 14, 1970.

On December 31, 1969, pursuant to the Congressman's inquiry, this Bureau advised Mr. Robert Tonsing, his administrative aide, that the FBI had conducted no investigation concerning the disappearance in March, 1969, of Thomas Riha, professor, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, since there were no indications of a violation of federal law within its jurisdiction. This Bureau has no information concerning Riha's whereabouts and has conducted no investigation to locate him. On April 15, 1969, we did inquire of the Central Intelligence Agency if they had any interest in Riha. They did not.

In December, 1969, our Denver Office received a letter from Riha's mother requesting information concerning her son's disappearance. She was advised this was a matter not within the jurisdiction of the FBI. She was told, however, that if she so desired his name would be placed on the FBI's missing persons list. She replied on January 13, 1970, and declined to have his name placed on the list.

The Central Intelligence Agency advised this Bureau on January 13, 1970, that Congressman Brotzman upon inquiry of them had been advised that Agency was not investigating Riha and not using him in any capacity. Central Intelligence Agency had suggested he check with the local police and the FBI but did not tell the Congressman the FBI was investigating subject.

A representative of the Bureau will personally contact Congressman Brotzman on January 14, 1970, and apprise him of the above facts.

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The Attorney General

NOTE:

See memorandum A. W. Gray to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated 1/13/70, captioned as above, prepared by JWR:kml.

The enclosures attached to the AG letter have been Xeroxed since the original letter to the AG bore Bureau administrative markings. (CIA information 1/13/70 obtained from John Maury, congressional liaison, by SA Sam J. Papich.)

JFF (D)

1 - Mr. A. W. Gray
1 - Mr. J. W. Redfield

SAC, Denver (105-4151)

1/19/70

Director, FBI (105-78256)

THOMAS REINA
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Congressman Donald G. Brotsman, Colorado, addressed a letter dated 1/8/70 to the Attorney General (AG) requesting information from him concerning the disappearance of subject. Enclosed is one copy each of the Congressman's letter and Bureau letter to the AG dated 1/14/70 for your information.

JWR Also enclosed for your information is one copy each of CIA memoranda dated 4/31/59 and 6/2/59; Bulets to WFO 5/12/60 and to Boston 5/25/60, Boston letter to the Director dated 6/20/60; Boston report dated 8/31/60, all pertaining to subject. The above are being furnished for the completion of your file.

On 1/12/70 *JWR* CIA advised through liaison that the subject is not of operational interest to that Agency. With regard to the subject's disappearance, *JWR* CIA advised it did receive a report which could be characterized as a rumor, that the subject was experiencing marital difficulties and had left his wife. The Agency does not have any information concerning subject's present whereabouts.

In subsequent communications concerning this matter you should delete the character of IS - CZ and use the character of this letter.

Unless additional pertinent information is developed, no investigation need be conducted by your office. If additional pertinent information is received concerning this matter, it should promptly be furnished to the Bureau by LHM.

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Subject, a professor at the University of Colorado, disappeared in March, 1939, it first being reported to us in April, 1939. Bufiles disclosed that at one time subject

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Letter to SAC, Denver
RE: - THOMAS RIHA
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was of some interest to CIA. On 4/15/69, CIA advised through liaison that subject had not left the U.S. and had been having difficulty with his wife and "ran away from her." CIA advised the story or rumor indicating subject may have gone to CZ was without foundation. In 12/69 Denver received a letter from subject's mother requesting information concerning subject's disappearance. Denver replied this was a matter not within the jurisdiction of the Bureau; however, offered if she so desired to place his name on the Bureau's missing persons list. Subject's mother replied to our Denver Office on 1/13/70 declining to have subject's name placed on the list. On 12/23/69 "The Denver Post," a daily newspaper in Denver, Colorado, published a lengthy article concerning the disappearance of subject. By letter dated 1/8/70 Congressman Brotzman, R-Colorado, also requested information concerning subject's disappearance from the AG. We have conducted no investigation of subject's disappearance since there are no indications of a violation of Federal law in our jurisdiction.

1 - G.W. Abernathy

SAC, Denver

4/16/69

Director, FBI (105-78256)

THOMAS RIHA
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Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated 4/7/69 addressed to Mr. Nathan B. Lenvin, Chief, Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, and written over the signature of Stephen Fischer-Galati on the stationery of the University of Colorado. Also enclosed is a copy of the report of SA Daniel J. Griffin dated 8/31/60 at Boston concerning subject.

Nathan B. Lenvin, now deceased, according to Bufiles interviewed Fischer-Galati in 1956 in connection with a matter in which Fischer-Galati was to testify. The enclosures are furnished for your assistance in the event any information is brought to your attention concerning the matter in the enclosed letter. Fischer-Galati should not be interviewed without prior Bureau authority; however, in the event he contacts your office, any information offered should be accepted and furnished to the Bureau.

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The enclosed letter was furnished by Mr. James L. Eldon, Jr. of the Department. Bufiles disclose that at one time subject was of some interest to CIA. A copy of the enclosed letter was furnished to CIA on 4/10/69. Subject is a U.S. citizen who has spent time in the past in Czechoslovakia and in Russia. There is no information in the enclosed letter which would indicate that the Bureau should make any inquiries concerning subject. Bufiles contain no information which would indicate that subject could be involuntarily leaving the U.S. as indicated in the enclosed letter.

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